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# Iowa State Home Economics Association

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### A Chance to Boost for Vocational Education

The latest word on the George-Menges bill is that it has been reported favorably out of the committees from both houses of Congress.

It is now ready to be voted upon, as soon as the Rules Committee permits it to come up, but the danger is that it will be delayed among the mass of bills to be voted upon, until too late. For that reason, friends of the bill will wish to write committeemen and their own congressmen urging that the bill receive immediate consideration.

Following is a statement concerning the bill:

There is before the Congress of the United States a measure known as the George-Menges bill which provided funds to supplement those available under the Smith-Hughes Act in the promotion of agricultural and home making education.

Five hundred thousand dollars is the sum provided in the year beginning June 30, 1928. There would be an annual increase of \$500,000 for each year thereafter, for eleven years, after which the appropriation would remain constant at \$6,000,000 yearly. This fund would be used for home making education and for agricultural education.

Iowa's share of the new fund, at its maximum, would be approximately \$170,000 annually. Of this, home economics would receive about \$70,000. The \$100,000 to go to Agriculture. The passage of the act would insure an expanding program of vocational education in the state for the next twelve years.

Schools now receiving federal aid would benefit from the act in that it would make possible the continuation of the present rate of reimbursement, which probably will have to be cut sooner or later in order to make expansion possible, in case no additional federal aid is forthcoming.



**Mark on your calendar now,  
the dates for the National  
Home Economics Meeting,  
June 25 to 29.**

Iowa has already sent in a number of expressions of interest in the bill. It is desirable that many more letters and telegrams from influential citizens and organizations be sent in soon in order that favorable committee action may be encouraged. Teachers of the vocational subjects are urged to assume the responsibility for awakening their local people to the situation and for getting endorsements from leading farmers, business men, political leaders, and school men, as well as from local organizations such as boards of education, women's clubs, chambers of commerce, and farmer's organizations.

Address messages intended for the committees responsible for the bill at its present stage to Senator Charles L. McNary, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry or to Representative Daniel F. Reed, chairman of the House Committee on Education. It is well also to write our Iowa senators and representatives regarding the measure. More letters and telegrams to Iowa members will be needed after the bill has been reported out of the committees.

### For Your Book Shelf

#### First Course in Homemaking

Maude Richman Calvert., Turner E. Smith Co., Atlanta, Ga.

A wealth of homemaking subject matter has been gathered together in the 300 odd pages of this book. For

those busy teachers who may have few sources of reference material it may be a veritable "find." It contains information, not only on our old standby topics of food and clothing, but chapters also devoted to Care and Furnishing of the Home, Care of the Sick, Child Care, Earnings, Savings and Spending, Etiquette and Recreation.

Much discretion is needed in the use of this subject matter or the teacher will be teaching information for information's sake instead of developing good thinking and judgment in the solving of real problems. Interest, too, may lag. For example, in this ruffle-less age, can you imagine the response to this statement, "It will be wise to learn how to put on a ruffle as you may want to use it on other garments," found in the lesson on the making of princess slips!

This book has been quite profusely illustrated, but, unfortunately, photographs date a book, and the reprints from Government posters contain so many objects that only the most careful students would look at them and profit thereby. As for illustrations for actual processes, for example, construction in clothing, there are none. If this were to be used for a textbook a great deal of supplementary material would need to be furnished.

A great many questions have been used thruout the book and the whole of Chapter X has been devoted to a review. Here, again, discretion must be used, to see that the questions used do call for real thinking.

An especially fine feature of this book is the outline for a Home Economics Library given in Chapter XI which suggests books, with author and publisher for the various phases of homemaking, also bulletins and periodicals.

For all that this book contains an abundance of reference material, it will be difficult for a student to use. The index and table of contents are

one and the same but, contrary to the usual custom, none of the material is arranged alphabetically, and very little of it is entirely logical. The conscientious student will spend much time in looking and the average one will say, "I couldn't find anything about it in there."

Elsie Wilson

"Your Money's Worth"—A study in the waste of the consumer's dollar—by Stuart, Chase and Schlink. Macmillan Co. Price \$2.00.

#### Helps in the Teaching of Child Care and Training

"Wholesome Childhood"—Graves

"Character Training in Childhood"—Havland.

"Training the Toddler"—Cleveland

"Permanent Play Materials for Young Children"—Garrison.

#### Our Sectional Meetings

The sectional meetings of the State Home Economics Association occurred so near the time the Homemaker goes to press, that it was not possible to include all the reports in this issue. Others will appear in the May issue.

#### South Central District

The Home Economics Sectional meeting at Shenandoah was attended by six enthusiastic home economics teachers, on Thursday March 29. One new member was added and \$3 raised for the Ellen H. Richards Fund.

The program which had been planned was carried out as follows:

"Home Economics Clubs in High School," discussed by Miss Juliette Wylie of Corning.

"Correlating Home Economics with Health Education," by Miss Corella Nuzum of New Market.

The teacher who was to have had the subject of "Are We Stressing Food Selection and Neglecting Food Preparation" was not able to be there so we discussed it informally, as well as other problems which were brought up.

Some suggestions as to exhibits, first aid work and home nursing were given by different ones and we felt that the time spent together was quite profitable.

We met the following day for a luncheon at the Blue Lantern Tea Room where we had another chance to get better acquainted.

We are planning to attend the National convention in June, which will,

of course, be of great value to all of us, and we hope to improve our district meeting next year.

(Signed) Marie Van Cleve,  
Chairman

#### Southwestern Section

The meeting at Council Bluffs was very good, but all the girls felt that we needed more time for a meeting of our own, a luncheon period being so short. Not much discussion with a speaker and business to take care of can be done in one hour or less.

Three members gave to the Ellen H. Richards fund. Eighteen attended the meeting. Practically all were members already of both national and state organizations. Sixty-two letters were sent out. There was some discussion in regard to increasing attendance next year.

The girls all appreciated Miss Lydia Swanson's talk on how to incorporate some child care and training work into the home economics program.

Miss Ella Laughran, county home demonstration agent, gave a very clear, definite idea of extension work, and how the projects were carried out in county work.

All the girls wished for more time.

(Signed) Mrs N. May Larson,  
Chairman.

#### More About the National Meeting

Miss Friant, the chairman of local arrangements for the meeting of the National Home Economics Association in Des Moines, June 25-29, reports all committee work progressing satisfactorily.

Recreational and social phases are being considered as well as the educational part of the convention. Miss Anna Oleson, chairman of the committee on trips, is planning some interesting visits to beauty spots and to industrial concerns whose manufacturing processes will be of special concern to home economics teachers.

The banquet to be held on Thursday, June 28, will provide an opportunity for the whole group to meet together socially. The trip to Ames on Friday will have a similar function.

The Iowa Home Economics clubs, both college and high school and the 4-H clubs, will serve as a hospitality committee to meet trains, act as pages and ushers and assist at the bureau of information. Miss Josephine Arnquist is chairman of this group.

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